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# SMS Framework Overview and Objectives

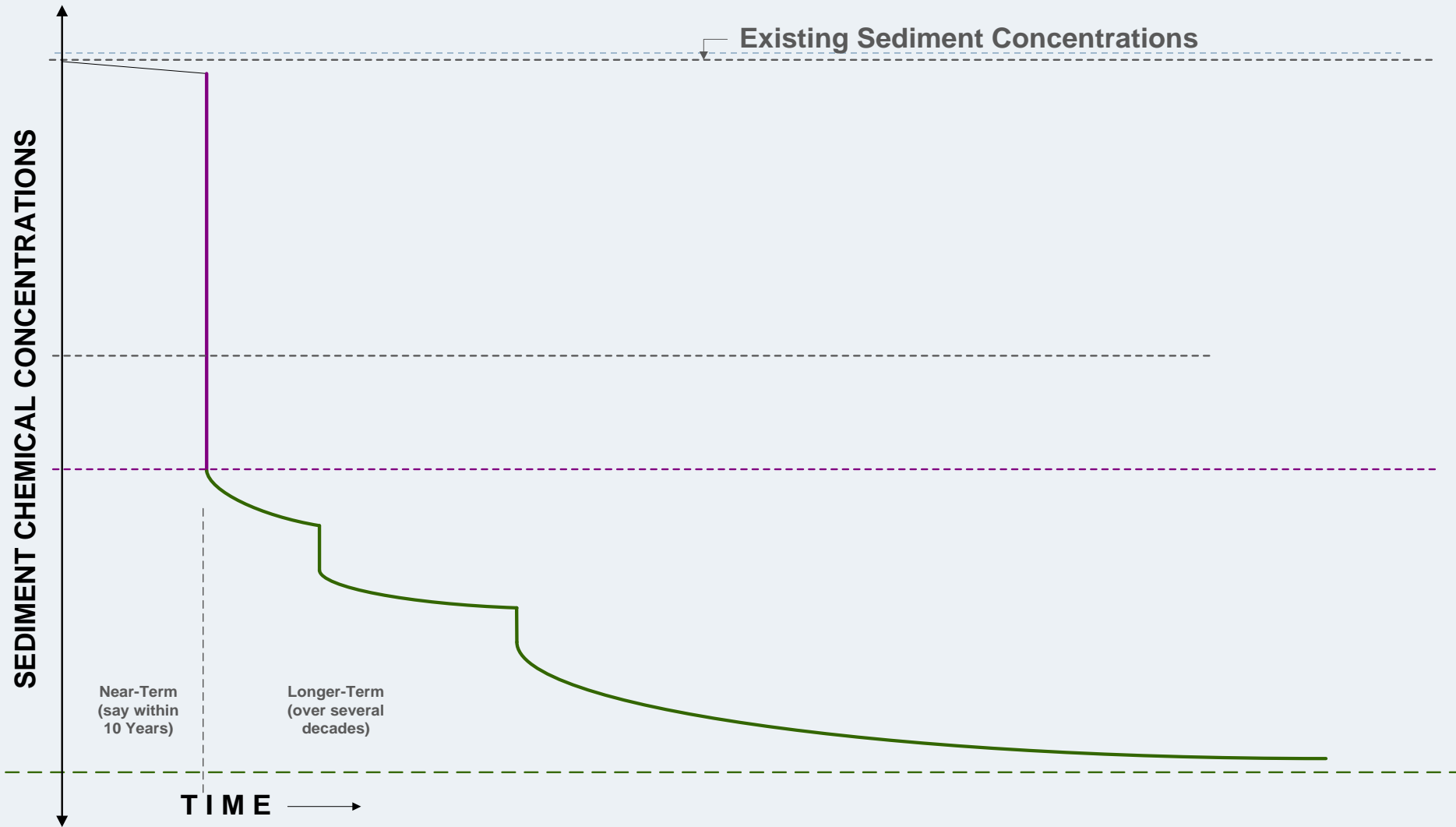
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# Objectives

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- ▶ Near Term Risk Reduction:
  - ▶ Achieve significant environmental improvement with cleanup of highly contaminated nearshore sites and associated source control that is achievable given current conditions
  
- ▶ Longer Term Risk Reduction:
  - ▶ Implement multi-program source control and additional cleanup to achieve bay-wide scale contaminant reduction over time, based on near term actions, broad participation, and systemic change.

# Near Term and Longer Term Risk Reduction



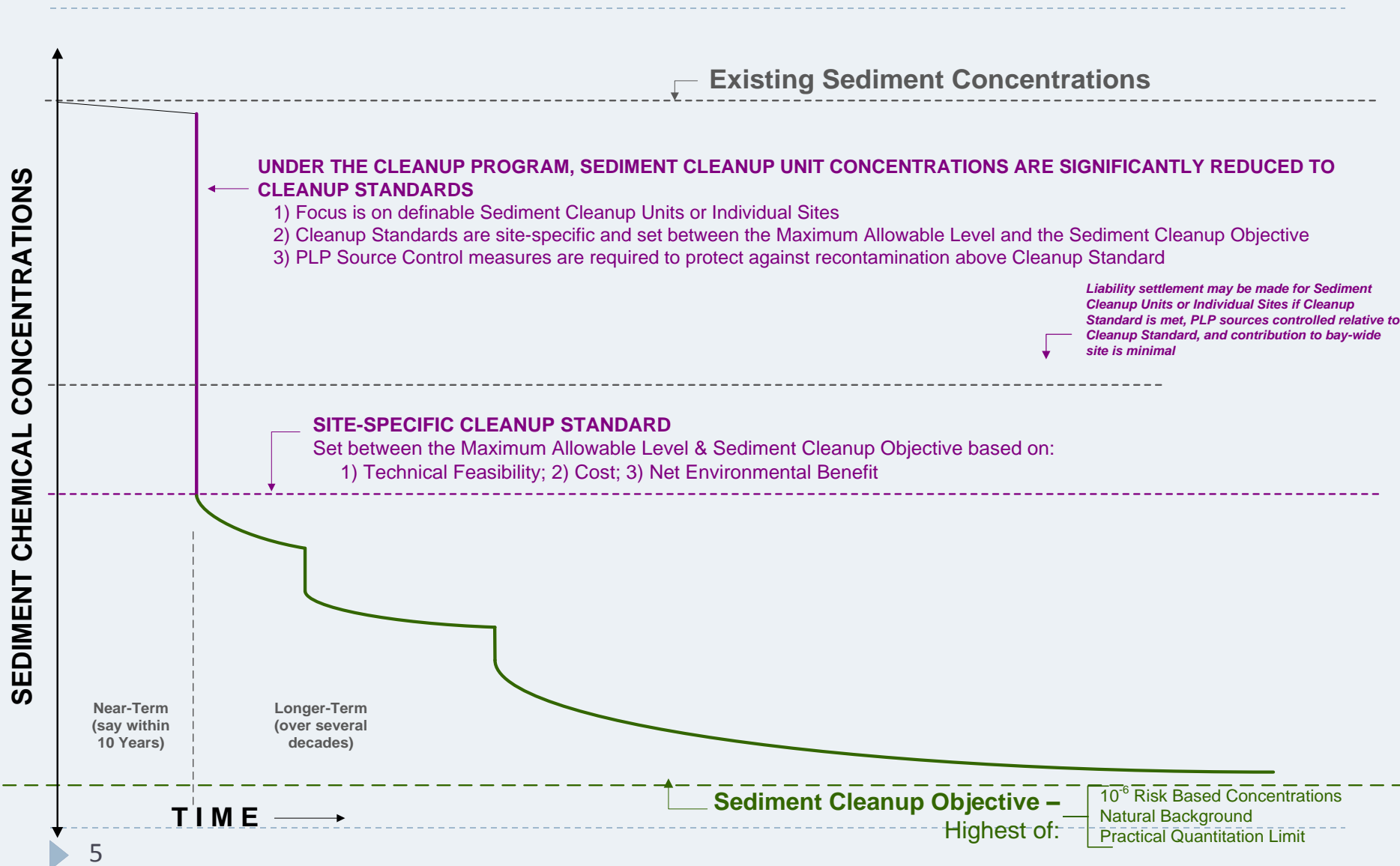
# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Sediment cleanup units or individual sites within a larger site

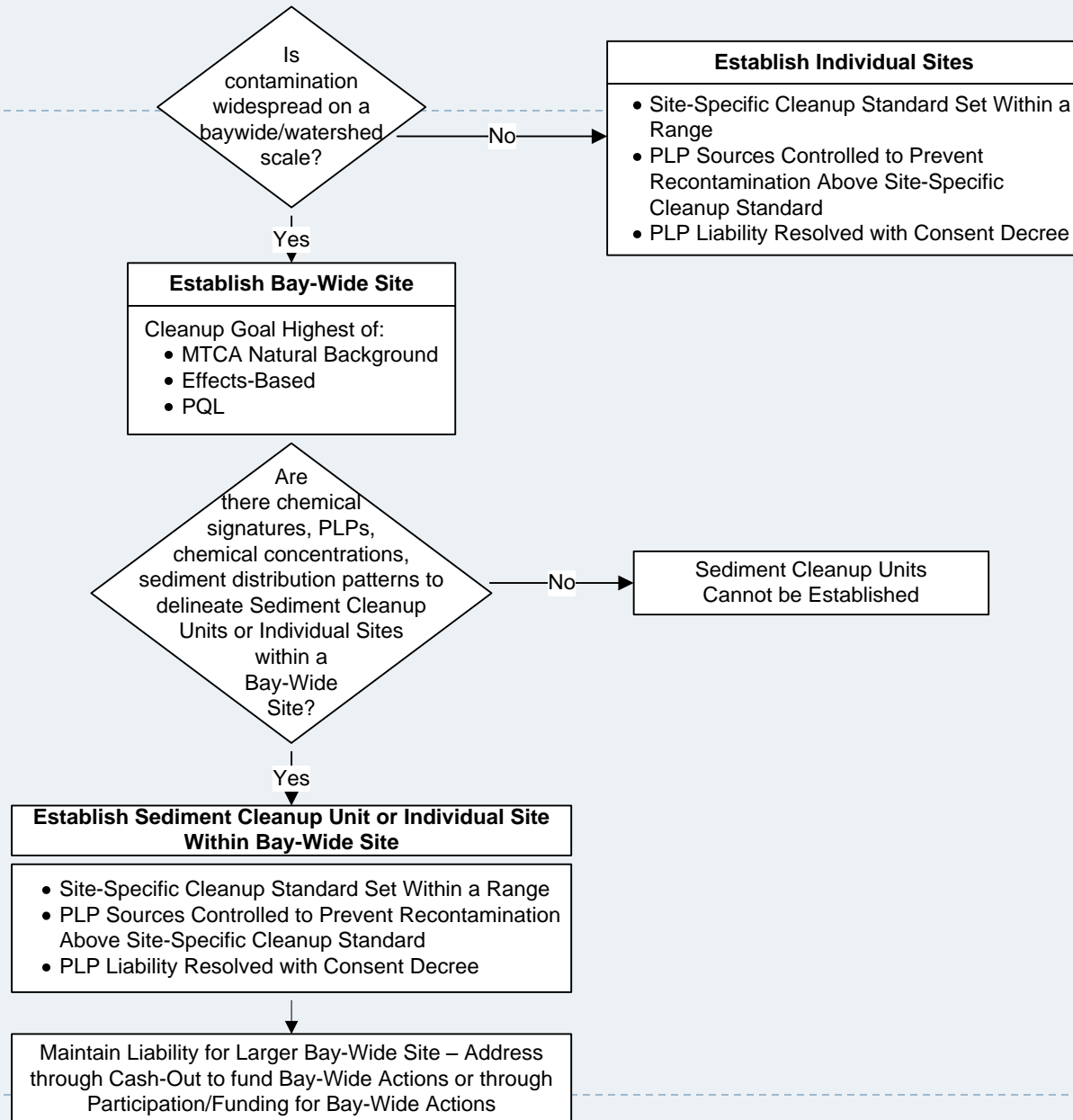
- ▶ Highly contaminated areas within a bay-wide site where there are identifiable and viable PLPs
- ▶ For these areas PLPs will be required to:
  - ▶ Actively cleanup sediments
  - ▶ Control PLP sources
  - ▶ Contribute to broader bay-wide cleanup
- ▶ Integral part of a longer term risk reduction solution.

# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Unit cleanup within baywide site



# Establishing units within baywide sites



# Near Term Risk Reduction

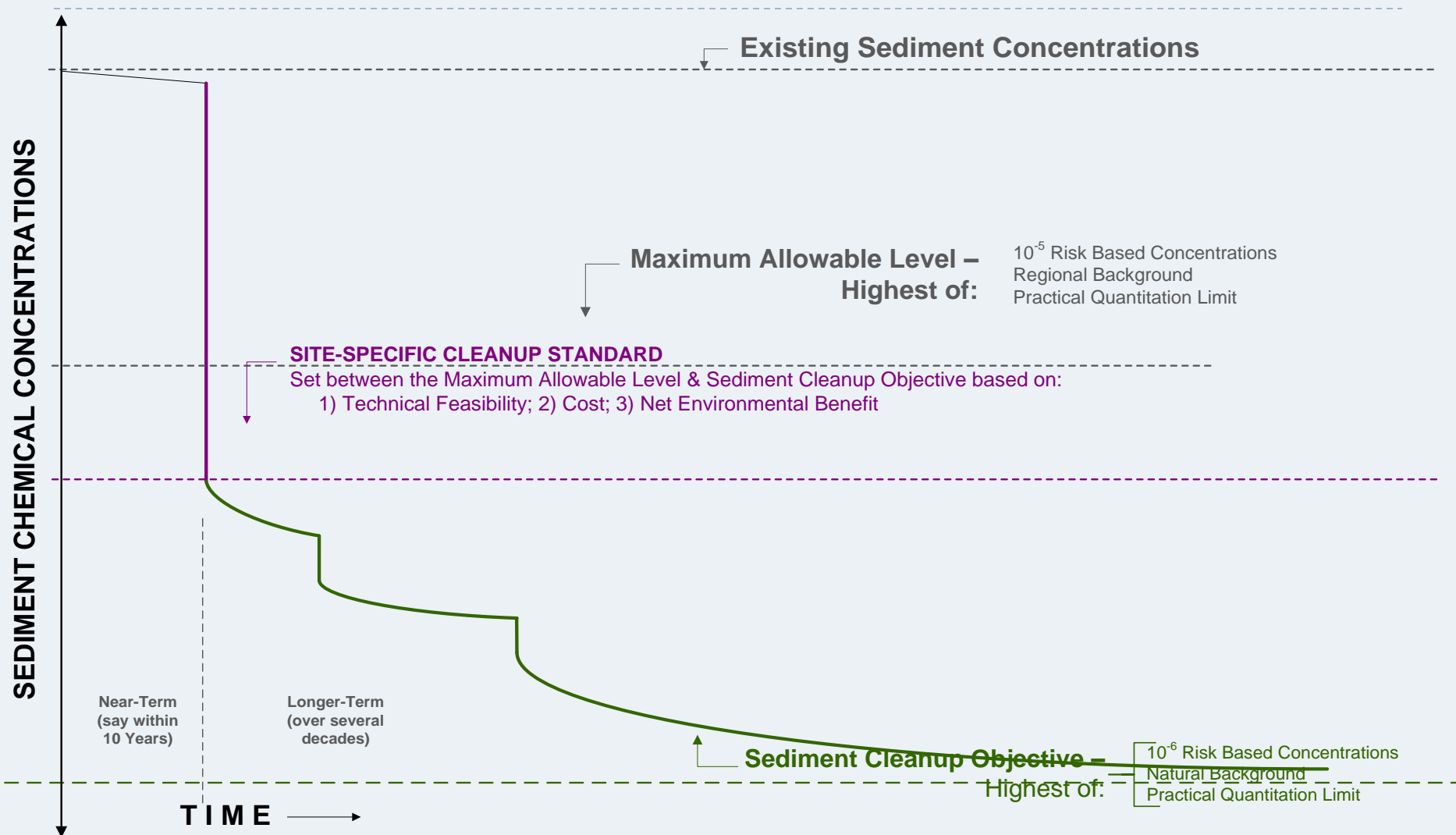
## Establishing cleanup standards

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- ▶ Cleanup standards achieved through active cleanup
- ▶ Cleanup standard set between Maximum Allowable Level and the Sediment Cleanup Objective
- ▶ As close as practicable to Sediment Cleanup Objective based on technical feasibility, cost, net environmental effects
- ▶ Cleanup standard achieved within 10 years of completing active cleanup.

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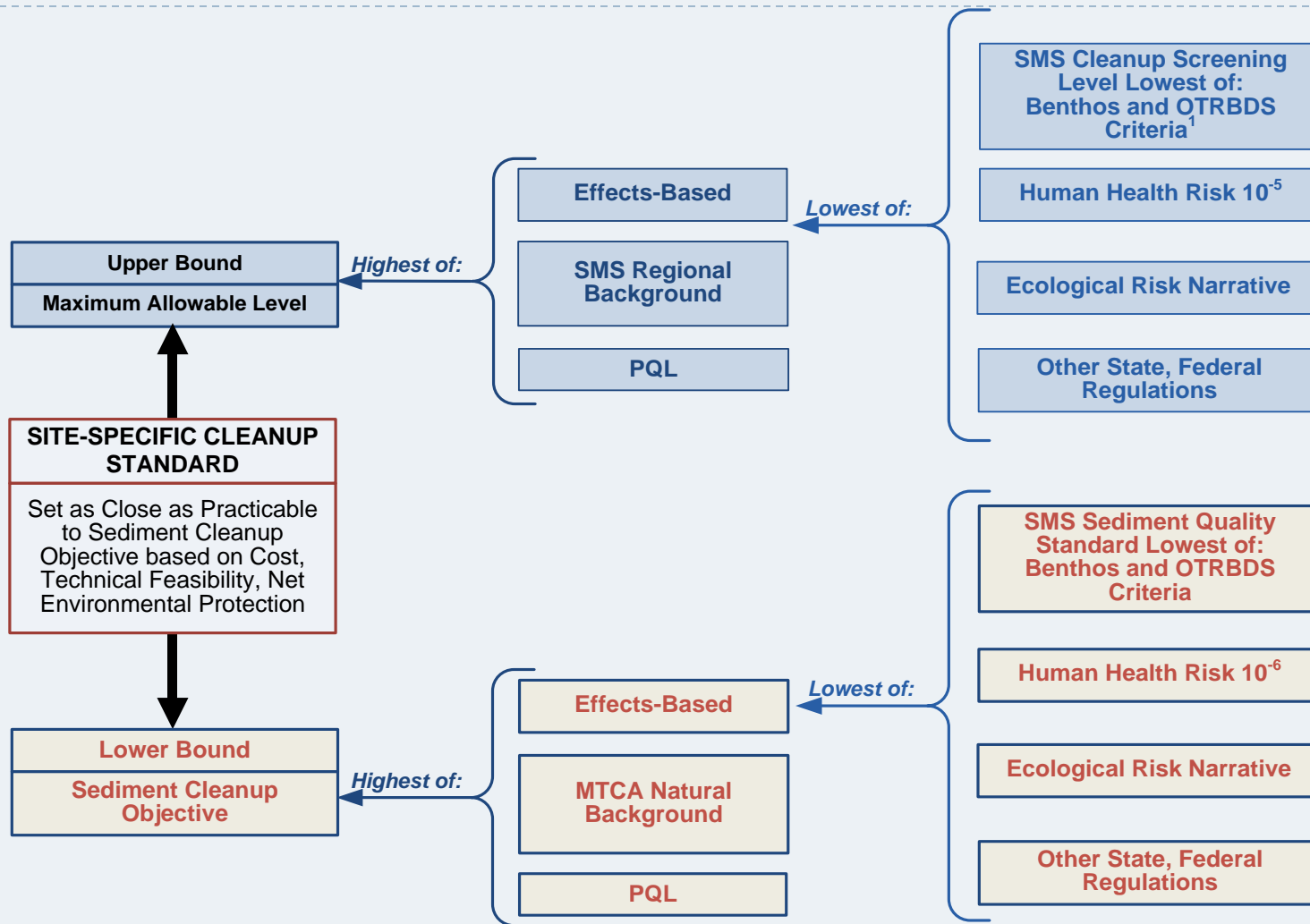
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# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Establishing cleanup standards



# **Establishing Cleanup Standards**

## **Sediment Cleanup Objective - Lower Bound**

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- ▶ Ultimate goal for sediment cleanup
- ▶ Numeric standard for bay-wide sites
- ▶ To be achieved over the long-term by a combination of:
  - ▶ Unit cleanups and related source control
  - ▶ Regional bay-wide cleanup actions and
  - ▶ Regional source control actions.

# Establishing Cleanup Standards

## Sediment Cleanup Objective - Lower Bound

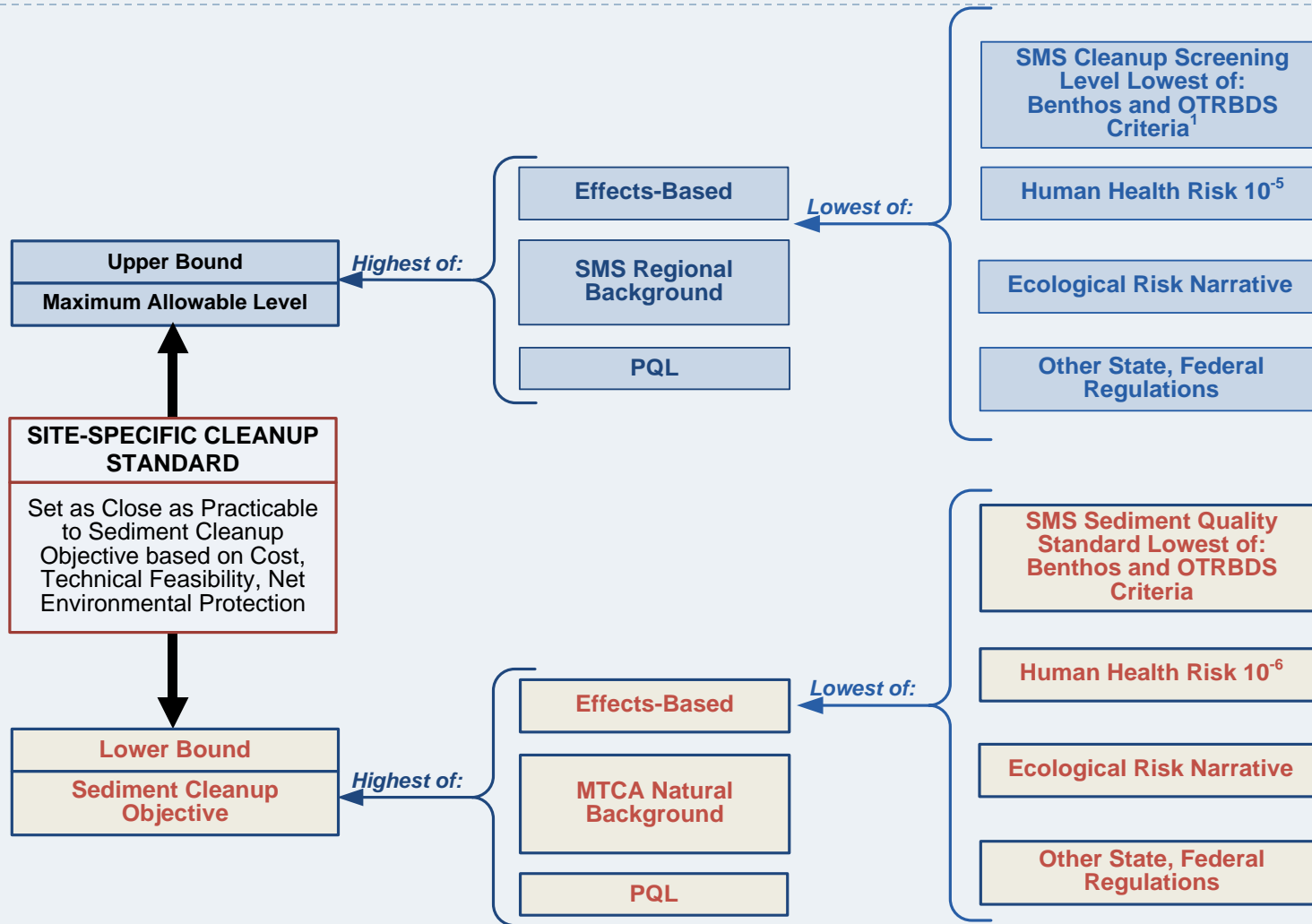
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Highest of:

- ▶ Human/Ecological Health Risk-Based Concentrations
- ▶ MTCA Natural Background
- ▶ Practical Quantitation Limit
  
- ▶ Human health risk is determined by:
  - ▶  $10^{-6}$  risk individual carcinogens
  - ▶  $10^{-5}$  risk multiple carcinogens
  - ▶ Hazard quotient of one
  - ▶ Default or site-specific fish consumption rate
  - ▶ Policy not yet set for other exposure parameters.

# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Establishing cleanup standards



# Establishing Cleanup Standards

## Maximum Allowable Level - Upper Bound

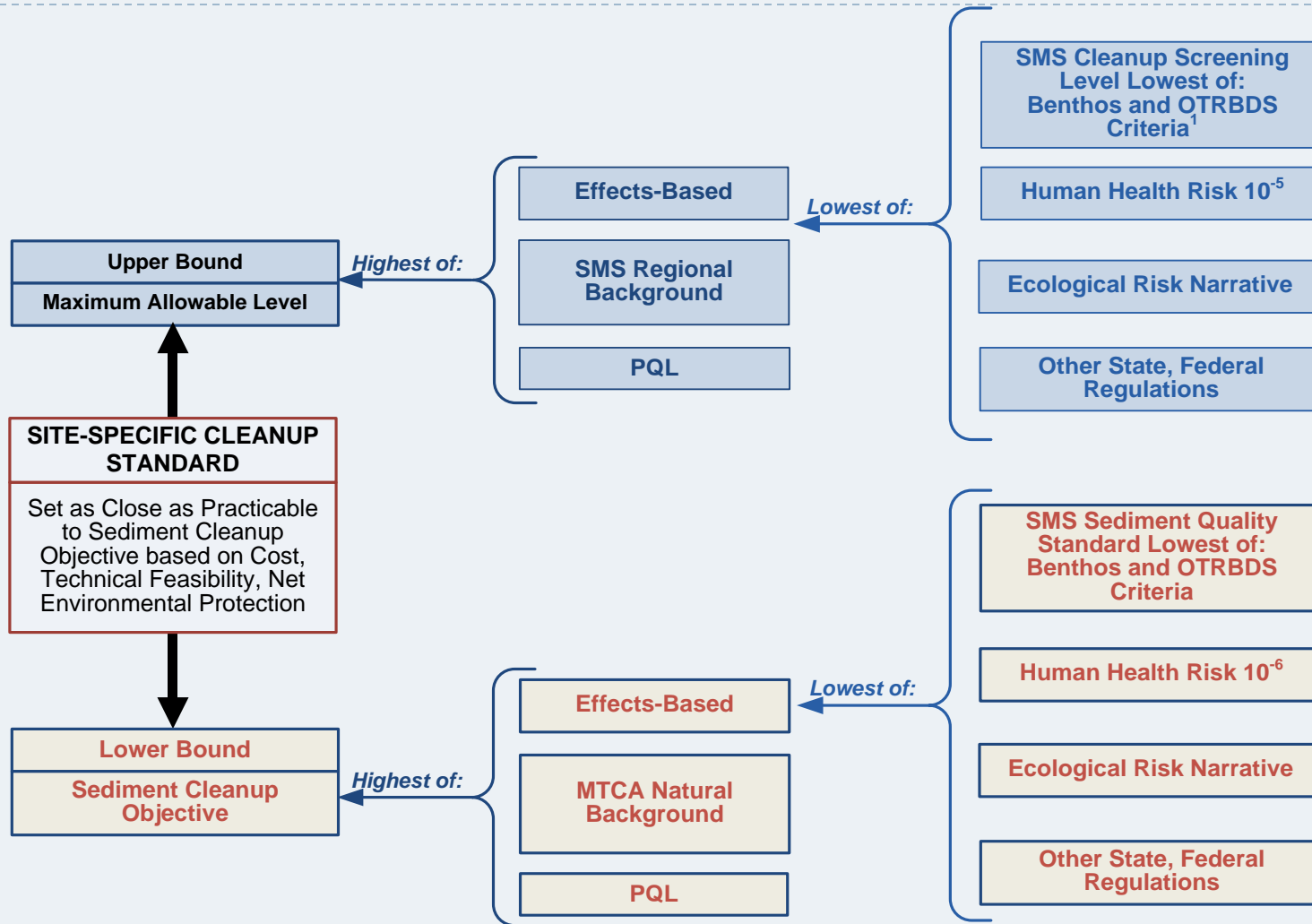
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Highest of:

- ▶ Human/Ecological Health Risk-Based Concentrations
- ▶ Regional Background
- ▶ Practical Quantitation Limit
  
- ▶ Human health risk is determined by:
  - ▶  $10^{-5}$  total site risk\*
  - ▶ Hazard quotient of one
  - ▶ Default or site-specific fish consumption rate
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# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Establishing cleanup standards



# Establishing Cleanup Standards

## Regional Background

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- ▶ Within an Ecology defined geographic area
- ▶ The widespread concentrations of natural or anthropogenic hazardous substances in sediment
- ▶ Not primarily attributable to identifiable contaminants from specific sources or releases
- ▶ Includes low level ubiquitous concentrations
- ▶ Assumed to be higher than MTCA natural background; lower than MTCA area background
- ▶ Different types of background in SMS and MTCA.

# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Liability Settlement for Sediment Cleanup Units

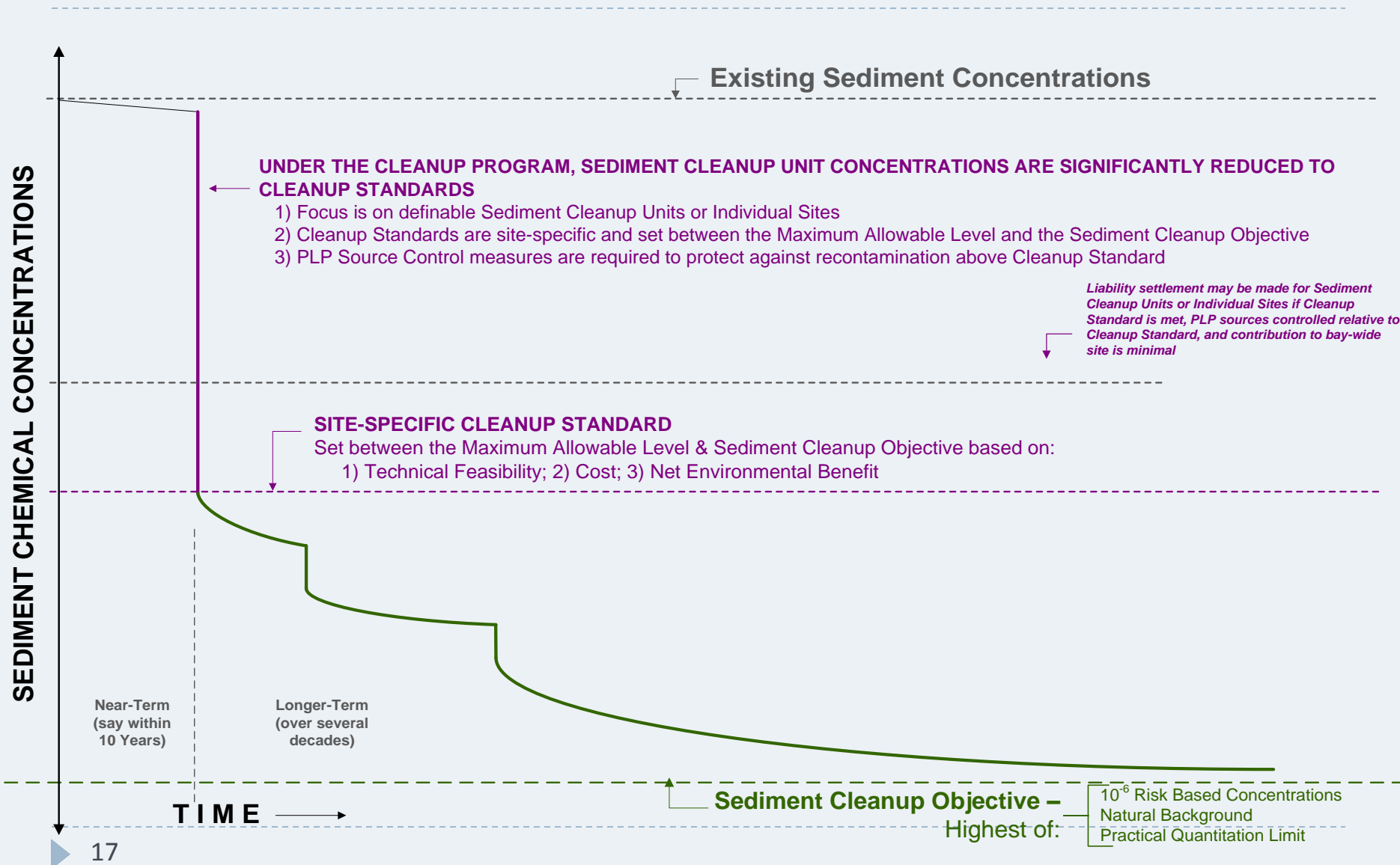
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- ▶ Consent Decree settlement for the sediment cleanup unit:
  - ▶ Cleanup standards are met
  - ▶ Source control is implemented and met
- ▶ PLP is not liable for recontamination from sources out of their control
- ▶ This is a partial settlement of liability for the site, but full settlement for the unit.



# Near Term Risk Reduction

## Liability settlement for sediment cleanup unit



# Near Term Risk Reduction

## PLP Site Source Control for Unit or Site

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- ▶ Facility-specific source control required to achieve settlement for sediment cleanup unit
- ▶ To prevent sediment contamination above cleanup standard
- ▶ Addresses both facility discharges and upland contaminant sources
- ▶ PLP must continue to improve BMPs as technology advances to achieve Sediment Cleanup Objective over time.
- ▶ SMS rule sections 560, 580, 590 - November mtg.

# Longer Term Risk Reduction

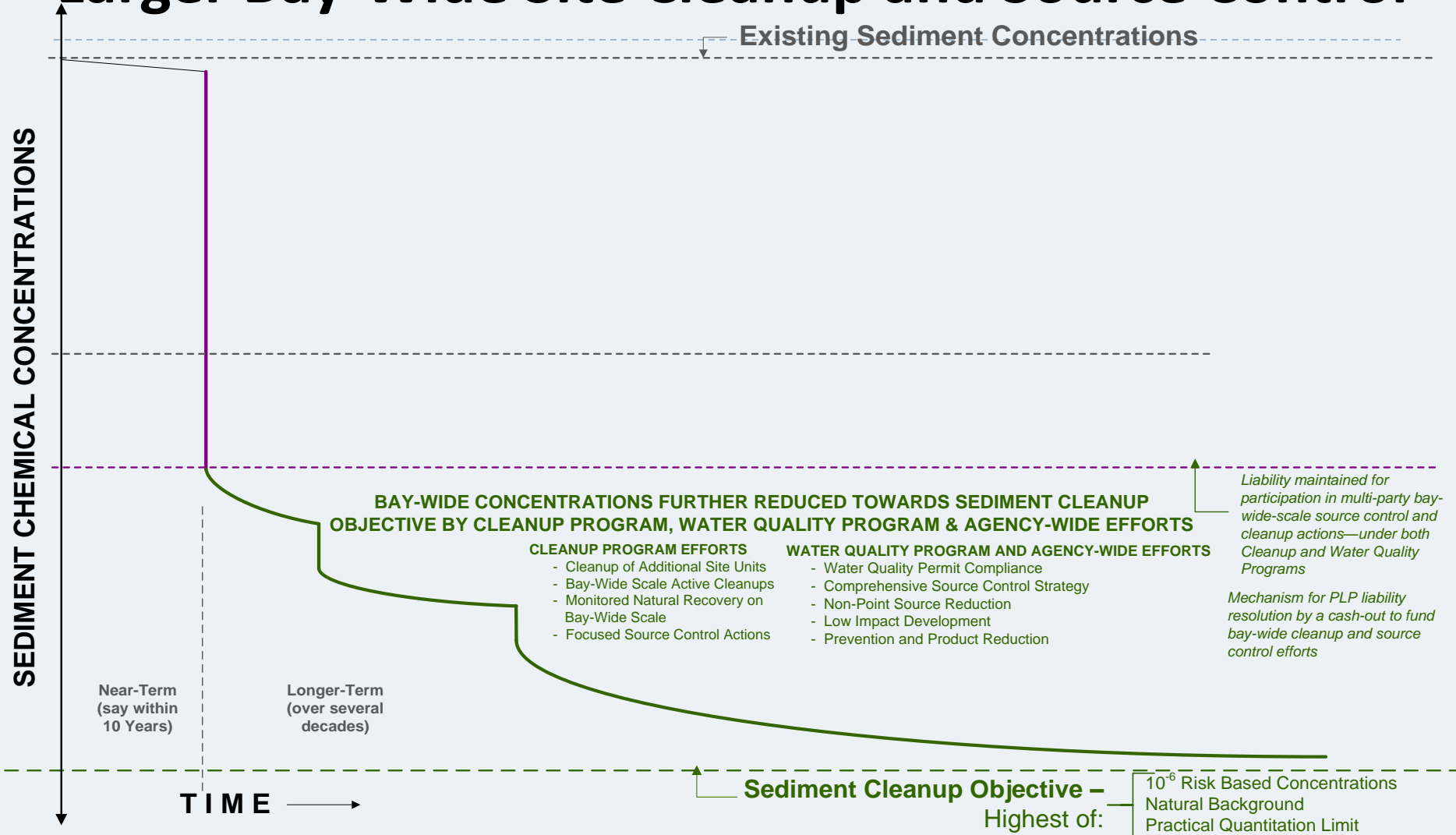
## Larger Bay-Wide Site Cleanup and Source Control

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- ▶ Sediment Cleanup Objective is ultimate goal
- ▶ Concentrations are reduced towards Sediment Cleanup Objective by:
  - ▶ Unit and individual site cleanups and related source control
  - ▶ Bay-wide and area-wide cleanup actions
  - ▶ Watershed-wide source control actions and toxics reduction
- ▶ Role of institutional controls for sediment cleanup and efficacy for long term solutions.

# Longer Term Risk Reduction

## Larger Bay-Wide Site Cleanup and Source Control



# **Longer Term Risk Reduction PLP Funding and Participation for Bay/Watershed-Wide Actions**

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- ▶ PLPs maintain responsibility for participation in larger site efforts
- ▶ For PLPs with minimal contribution to bay-wide site, mechanism for cash-out to fund Ecology efforts
- ▶ Or participation/funding for multi-party source control and cleanup actions, under both cleanup and water quality programs.

# Longer Term Risk Reduction

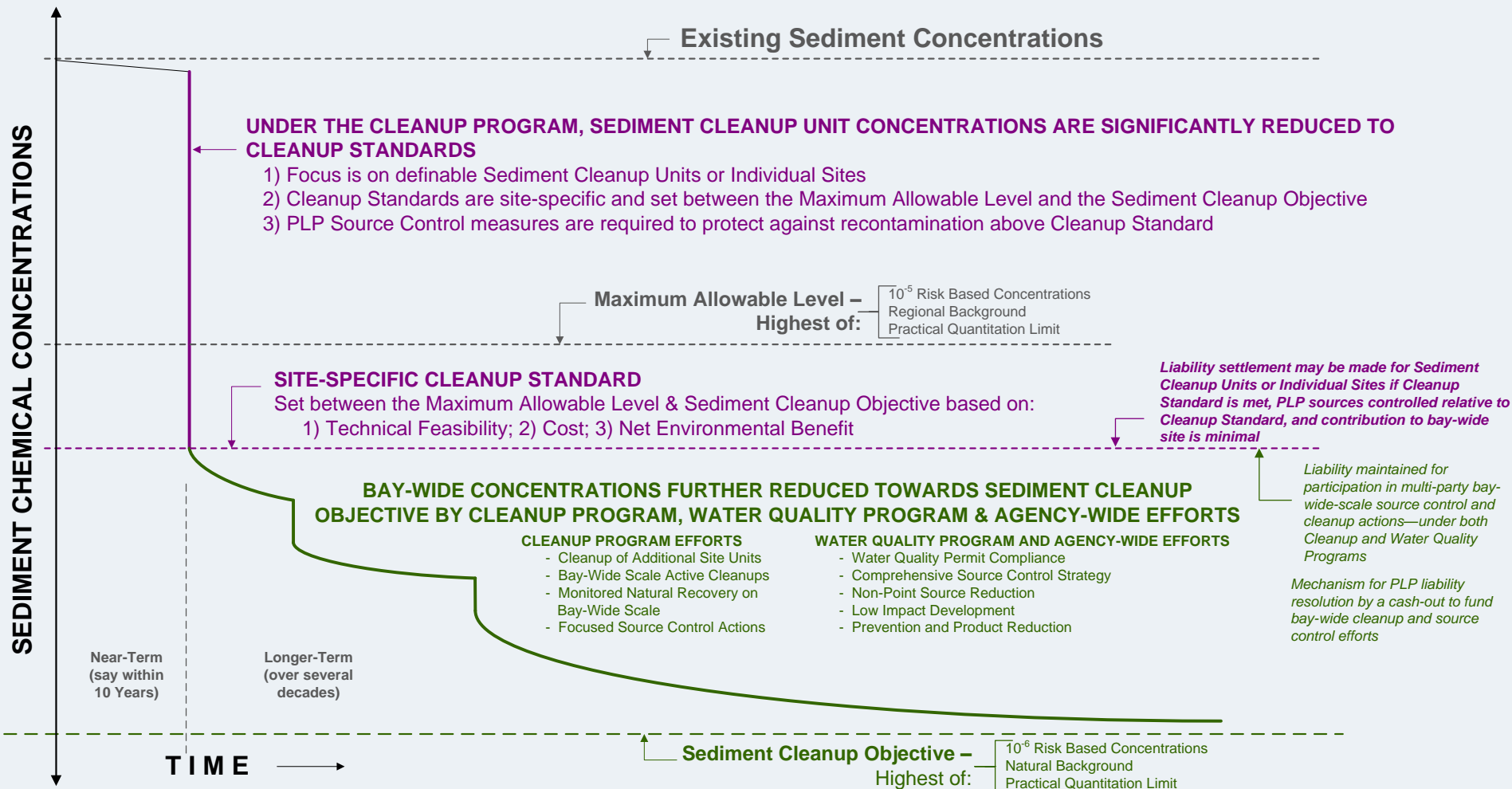
## Ecology Efforts in Bay/Watershed-Wide Actions

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- ▶ Bay-wide/area-wide monitoring
- ▶ Bay-wide/area-wide scale cleanup actions
- ▶ Unit cleanups and source control for locations lacking viable PLPs
- ▶ Discharge regulation
- ▶ Non-point source reduction
- ▶ Low-impact development requirements
- ▶ Toxics prevention and product reduction.

# SMS Framework Proposal

## Near term and long term risk reduction



# Draft Rule Language Revisions

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- ▶ We have distributed draft rule language revisions
- ▶ We want your input to the proposed framework approach
- ▶ And how the rule language supports the framework.



# Questions for discussion

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- ▶ Do you have any clarifying questions about the framework?
- ▶ Does the rule language support the framework objectives?
- ▶ If not, what changes need to be made?
- ▶ Do you have suggestions on how to improve the framework based on your concerns?

# SMS Framework Proposal

## Near term and long term risk reduction

